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06 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
07 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

08 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
09 Plaintiff,) CASE NO. MJ 19-063
10 v.)
11 RHETT B. IRONS,) DETENTION ORDER
12 Defendant.)
13 _____)

14 Offense charged: Conspiracy to Distribute Fentanyl

15 Date of Detention Hearing: February 19, 2019.

16 The Court, having conducted a detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), and
17 based upon the factual findings and statement of reasons for detention hereafter set forth, finds
18 that no condition or combination of conditions which defendant can meet will reasonably assure
19 the appearance of defendant as required and the safety of other persons and the community.

20 FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

21 1. Defendant has been charged with a drug offense, the maximum penalty of which
22 is in excess of ten years. There is therefore a rebuttable presumption against defendant as to

01 both dangerousness and flight risk, under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e).

02 2. The AUSA proffers that defendant was found to be in possession of over one
03 thousand fentanyl pills when arrested, and can be connected either directly or through charged
04 co-conspirators to over 16,000 pills. Defendant has no reported income for the last four years.
05 Defendant's criminal record includes failures to appear with warrant activity, and failure to
06 comply with conditions of release. The AUSA proffers that defendant's phone calls from jail
07 to his girlfriend included what could be interpreted as intentions to do harm to witnesses or co-
08 defendants, as well as coded language urging the hiding of assets.

09 3. Taken as a whole, the record does not effectively rebut the presumption that no
10 condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant
11 as required and the safety of the community.

12 It is therefore ORDERED:

- 13 1. Defendant shall be detained pending trial and committed to the custody of the Attorney
14 General for confinement in a correction facility separate, to the extent practicable, from
15 persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal;
- 16 2. Defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with
17 counsel;
- 18 3. On order of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person
19 in charge of the corrections facility in which defendant is confined shall deliver the
20 defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection
21 with a court proceeding; and
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01 4. The Clerk shall direct copies of this Order to counsel for the United States, to counsel
02 for the defendant, to the United States Marshal, and to the United State Pretrial Services
03 Officer.

04 DATED this 19th day of February, 2019.

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07 Mary Alice Theiler
08 United States Magistrate Judge
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